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U - Mr. Lovett:

Among pending matters which the Planning Staff has under consideration are subjects on the agenda of the Bogotá Conference that may require policy decisions. Mr. Butler has discussed these with Mr. Daniels, Director of ARA.

There are, at present, three problems that you may wish the Planning Staff to study, either now or a little later: (1) economic cooperation with Latin America; (2) measures to combat communism in the Americas; and (3) U.S. policy regarding the recognition of new governments.

Mr. Daniels is spending most of his time on the study of economic cooperation. His opinion, in which I concur, is that S/P should postpone any work on this problem. Later on, you may wish to have the Planning Staff go over the Bogotá projects and their relation to ERP.

The "Bogotá Review Group" has requested the views of the Planning Staff regarding methods of combatting communism in this hemisphere. This subject is certain to be considered at Bogotá. Unless you perceive objection, the Planning Staff, after consultation with Mr. Bohlen and other officers concerned, will prepare a policy paper on the problem for consideration by you and the Secretary.

I received from the Division of Historical Policy Research a memorandum, dated July 25, 1947, regarding "United States Policy in the Recognition of New Governments". The subject of recognition of new governments is on the agenda of the Bogotá Conference. I propose to have the Planning Staff prepare a policy paper for consideration by you and the Secretary.

George F. Kennan

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